



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q68480

Hidemitsu AOKI, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/071,184

Group Art Unit: 2961

Confirmation No.: 2961

Examiner: Michelle Estrada

Filed: February 11, 2002

For: MANUFACTURING METHOD OF SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

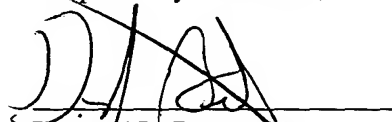
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 27, 2003 in which the Examiner has required an election of species, Applicant responds by electing Species 1, comprising removing, with a cleaning agent, a copper oxide on a surface of said copper-containing film. Claims 1-3 read on the elected species.

Prompt and favorable action on the elected claims are now respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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